

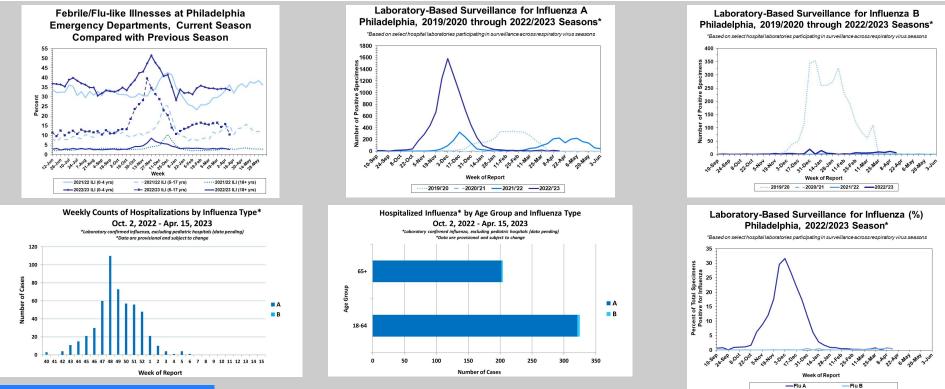
PHILLY FLU FINDINGS

Philadelphia Department of Public Health Seasonal Influenza Surveillance Report MMWR Week 15: April 9, 2023—April 15, 2023

Philadelphia Influenza Activity

Please note these data are provisional and subject to change.

For week 15, influenza-like illnesses at emergency departments decreased for all ages. Laboratory detections of influenza and activity overall both remain low. Since October 2, 2022, there have been 529 reports of severe influenza at non-pediatric hospitals (Philadelphia resident, positive by rapid test, PCR or culture, and hospitalized for \geq 24 hrs). Data from pediatric hospitals is pending, and will be updated once received. Twenty seven influenza outbreaks have been reported (\geq 1 case of laboratory confirmed flu reported in a long term care facility) so far this season. Twelve deaths have been reported to date.



Pennsylvania

Please note: PADOH has not posted updates for week 15. Data will be updated once available. As of April 8, 2023, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDOH) has reported that flu activity remains low. Emergency department visits for flu-like symptoms are moderate as well. Influenza A (H3N2) viruses have been identified as the predominant type detected and overall there have been a total of 185,068 laboratory confirmed cases of influenza (positive by rapid test, PCR, or culture). There have been 161 influenza associated deaths this season. For more information, please visit: https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Flu/Pages/2022-23-Flu.aspx

United States

As of April 15, 2023, the CDC reports that influenza activity remains low nationwide. Flu related hospital admissions have remained low and nine of 10 HHS regions were below their outpatient respiratory illness baselines. Clinical laboratories have reported 453 influenza detections out of 44,819 specimens tested (1.0%), 44.8% of which tested positive for influenza A. Of influenza A viruses from public health labs that have been subtyped in week 15, one was H3N2 and 12 have been H1N1. One hundred forty three pediatric deaths have been recorded so far this season. In week 15, four jurisdictions experienced moderate flu activity, while none had high activity. For more information, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm

All institutional outbreaks and hospitalized and fatal cases of influenza are to be reported to PDPH. Phone: (215) 685-6742 Fax: (215) 238-6947 Email: ACD@phila.gov Reporting requirements and forms are posted online at hip.phila.gov